

SPECIFICATION

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U.S.[] Patent 4,878,270 to Randall discloses a [] rope tie-down clamp apparatus for tightening and securing a rop between two points.

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It is an object of this invention to provide a rope cleat that is characterized as providing a very quick engagement , protection against inadvertent release, and very quick release when required .

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Fig. 1 [] is an exploded view showing two cams and abutments with sliding covers.

Fig. 2 is a perspective assembly view of fig. 1 [] with covers open for engaging or releasing the ropes.

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Fig. 3 is a perspective assembly view of fig. 1 [] with covers closed to retain the ropes and rope looping back.

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covers 26A and 26B are closed presenting inadvertent escape of the ropes 24A and 24B. [[.]] The ropes 24A and 24B are held lightly by spring 22 (shown in fig. 1).

When either rope 24A or 24B is pulled (arrow A or B respectively) the frictional force of the rope 24A or 24B against the ~~cam~~ tooth surface of cam 20A or cam 20B ~~21A or 21B~~ rotates the cam 20A or 20B in a direction that seizes the rope 24A 24B between the toothed abutment surface 16A or 16B and the toothed cam surface of cams 20A and 20B, ~~21A or 21B~~. The rope 24A or 24B is free to be pulled in the opposite direction of the arrows as the cam will rotate with the respective rope.

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surface 16. Cam 20A and Cam 20B are rotatably mounted on a spindle 18. Spring 23 is positioned between cam 20A and cam 20B so that both cams 20 A,B rotate against surface 16 of abutment 14. To permit rope 24[[.]] to slide in direction BB, the end of cam 20B is pressed in direction B.

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Fig. 11 shows a version including a rope 24 between abutment 14 and cam 20. The cam 20 and cover 51 are rotatably mounted on spindle 53. Pin 49 extends from base 12 permitting rope 24 to be looped back between pin

49 and cam 20. When cover 51 is rotated into position to retain the rope between cam 20 and abutment 14, the opposite "tail" end 51A ^{[[53]]} of cover 51 retains the looped end of rope 24 between pin 49 and cam 11.